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Depot to outline plans for soil cleanup at Dunn Field

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – The former Memphis Depot will conduct a public briefing January 20, 2005, to present the final design of the cleanup remedy for soil on the western portion of Dunn Field. The briefing will be held at 6 p.m. at the South Memphis Senior Citizens Center, 1620 Marjorie Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

The Depot's environmental contractors will provide details of the Remedial Design for the former disposal sites at Dunn Field.

The selected remedy for this area of Dunn Field is the excavation, transport and disposal (ET&D) of buried waste and impacted soil from some of the disposal sites on Dunn Field. A pre-design investigation was performed to determine where ET&D was required. All excavated materials will be taken to an approved off-site waste facility for disposal. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) approved the ET&D remedy in the Dunn Field Record of Decision in April 2004.

The Remedial Design describes the engineering solution that will be used to implement the cleanup remedy. EPA and TDEC approved the Remedial Design in May 2004.

The Remedial Design also outlines the proposed schedule for the cleanup, or Remedial Action. The Remedial Action, the final stage of the cleanup process regulated by EPA under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), is scheduled to begin in early February 2005 with ET&D activities expected to last 30 to 45 days.

Once the excavations are complete, the soil around the excavation will be tested to ensure the remaining soil meets the cleanup criteria. The excavated soil will be replaced

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with clean fill. The planned future land use is light industrial. Permanent deed restrictions will be put in place to prevent future residential development on Dunn Field. EPA and TDEC will review the effectiveness of the remedy at five-year intervals to ensure the site continues to be safe for community reuse.

The Dunn Field Record of Decision and the Final Remedial Design for the Dunn Field Disposal Sites are available for reference in the Depot's three Information Repositories, located at the former Memphis Depot, the Cherokee Library and the Memphis/Shelby County Health Department.

For more information, contact the Depot's Community Relations Office at (901) 774-3683.

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